# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:	)
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	) PROMESA ) Title III )
as representative of	)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al	No. 17 BK 3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	
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THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	) PROMESA ) Title III )
as representative of	)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,	) No. 17 BK 3283-LTS
PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,	) No. 17 BK 3567-LTS ) (This Filing Relates to ) These Debtors)
Debtor.	
PEAJE INVESTMENTS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	) Adv. Proc. No. 17-151-LTS ) in 17 BK 3567-LTS
V.	) Adv. Proc. No. 17-152-LTS ) in 17 BK 3283-LTS
PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS &	)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

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TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, et al.,		
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	Defendants. <sup>2</sup>	

#### JOINT STATUS REPORT

1. Plaintiff Peaje Investments LLC ("<u>Plaintiff</u>"), together with Defendants the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "<u>Oversight Board</u>"), as Title III representative of defendants the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("<u>Commonwealth</u>") and Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("<u>HTA</u>"), Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("<u>AAFAF</u>"), Hon. Pedro Pierluisi, Hon. Francisco Parés, Juan C. Blanco Urrutia, Omar J. Marrero, and Dr. Edwin E. Gonzalez Montalvo, P.E. (collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>"), respectfully submit this Joint Status Report in response to the Court's June 21, 2021 Order (*available at*: Adv. Proc. No. 17-151-LTS, [Dkt. No. 320]) directing the Parties to "file a further joint status report by September 17, 2021." As discussed below, although the Court stayed this adversary proceeding on August 3, 2021<sup>3</sup>, the obligation for filing this Joint Status Report was not vacated. Nevertheless, the Parties respectfully submit that, pursuant to the terms of the Stay Order, this matter is stayed and no further action should be taken (including the filing of further joint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to F. R. Bankr. P. 7025 and F. R. Civ. P. 25(d), the following automatic substitutions have been made for defendants who were sued in their former official capacities: (i) the Hon. Pedro Pierluisi, in his official capacity as Governor of Puerto Rico, was automatically substituted for Ricardo Antonio Rosselló Nevares; (ii) the Hon. Francisco Parés, in his official capacity as Secretary of Treasury of Puerto Rico, was automatically substituted for the Hon. Raúl Maldonado Gautier; (iii) Juan C. Blanco Urrutia, in his official capacity as Director of Office of Management and Budget, was automatically substituted for José Iván Marrero Rosado; (iv) Omar J. Marrero, in his official capacity as executive director of AAFAF, was automatically substituted for Christian Sobrino Vega; and (v) Dr. Edwin E. Gonzalez Montalvo, P.E., in his official capacity, was automatically substituted for Carlos Contreras Aponte as Executive Director of HTA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Order Granting Urgent Consented Joint Motion To Stay Certain Contested Matters And Adversary Proceedings dated August 3, 2021 (the "Stay Order") (available at: Adv. Proc. No. 17-151-LTS, [Dkt. No. 323]).

status reports) until such time as this matter is dismissed, with prejudice, or the stay is lifted by the Court.

- 2. On July 30, 2021, the Oversight Board filed the Seventh Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al. (the "Plan") (available at: Case No. 17 BK 32843-LTS, [Dkt. No. 17627]).
- 3. Also on July 30, 2021, the Oversight Board filed the *Disclosure Statement for the Seventh Amended Title III Joint Plan of Adjustment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico* (the "Disclosure Statement") (available at: Case No. 17 BK 32843-LTS, [Dkt. No. 17628]). Attached to the Disclosure Statement as exhibits were copies of (i) a Plan Support Agreement dated as of May 5, 2021, by and among the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA, and certain holders of HTA bond claims, certain holders of CCDA bond claims, Assured Guaranty Corp. and Assured Municipal Corp. (available at: Case No. 17 BK 32843-LTS, [Dkt. No. 17628-3, Exhibit B]), and (ii) a Plan Support Agreement dated as of July 27, 2021 by and among the Oversight Board, as representative of the Commonwealth and HTA, and certain holders of PRIFA bond claims, Ambac Assurance Corp. and Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (available at: Case No. 17 BK 32843-LTS, [Dkt. No. 17628-4, Exhibit C]).
  - 4. A confirmation hearing on the Plan is scheduled to begin on November 8, 2021.
- 5. On August 2, 2021, Ambac Assurance Corp., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as Trustee to CCDA bondholders and as Fiscal Agent to the HTA bondholders, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, in its capacity as Trustee to PRIFA bondholders, the Oversight Board and AAFAF filed an *Urgent Consented Joint Motion to Stay Certain Contested Matters and Adversary Proceedings* (the "<u>Urgent Consented Joint Motion</u>") (available at: Adv. Proc. No. 17-151-LTS, [Dkt. No. 322]). The Urgent Consented

Joint Motion requested an order staying this adversary proceeding (and other contested matters and adversary proceedings) because, among other things, this adversary proceeding will be resolved if the Plan is confirmed by the Court. Plaintiff was not a party to the Urgent Consented Joint Motion, but consented to the stay.

- 6. On August 3, 2021, the Court entered the Stay Order (i) granting the Urgent Consented Joint Motion, (ii) staying this adversary proceeding subject to a further order of the Court, and (iii) preserving all rights, arguments, claims, and defenses of the Parties. The Stay Order did not expressly vacate the September 17, 2021 deadline previously set by the Court for the Parties to file this joint status report.
- 7. Because this adversary proceeding is stayed, the Parties respectfully request that the Court not require any further joint status reports unless and until the stay is lifted pursuant to the terms of the Court's Stay Order.

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Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September, 2021.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this same date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

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